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Revised Inspection and Sampling Fees for Imported Food Products

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Exporter Guide

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India published an order to revise inspection and sampling fees for imported food products. The order has come into force with immediate effect.

General Information:

On November 14, 2017, the Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published an order to revise the inspection and sampling fees for imported food products. The revised rates were implemented immediately upon publication.

The revised fee is noted below.

1. **Visual inspection** :- Online payment of Rs 2000 is also to be made by the importer along with the payment of lab testing fee.
2. **Penal fee** :- In case importer/ CHA do not turn up for visual inspection even after two opportunities, Authorised Officer of FSSAI may draw the sample ex-parte and a penalty of Rs 2000 shall be charged from importer before issuance of NOC/NCC. However, till the provisions of payment is made online in FICS, Authorised Officer may collect the fee offline
3. **First Review appeal** :- Rs 2000 may be charged (as per provisions under Chapter XI, 15 (2) (a) of FSS (Import) Regulations 2017)
4. **Second Review appeal to CEO** :- Rs 5000 may be charged (as per provisions under Chapter XI, 15 (2) (a) of FSS (Import) Regulations 2017)

The entire text of the FSSAI order is pasted below and is also available on FSSAI's website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

File No. 1-397/FSSAI/Imports/2013- Part 1
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)
(Imports Division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110002

8th, November 2017

ORDER

Subject: Instructions with regard to Levy of fees and charges in regulation of food imports- reg

It is observed that:

- a) Chapter III, 5 (2), (d) of FSS (Import) Regulations 2017 provides that- "The Food Authority shall specify and review the inspection fee from time to time".
- b) Chapter III, 5 (4) of FSS (Import) Regulations 2017 provides that - "if the Food Importer or his Custom House Agent is not present to facilitate the inspection and sampling in spite of two opportunities having been granted, the Authorized Officer may refuse to grant further opportunity for inspection and sampling of the food consignment:
Provided that any further opportunity in this behalf may be granted by the Chief Executive Officer or his authorized representative after levy of suitable fee on the Food Importer as may be specified by the Authority from time to time".
- c) Chapter XI, 15 (2) (a) of FSS (Import) Regulations 2017 provides that- "The review application shall be in FORM-6 and be accompanied by such fee as may be specified by the Food Authority from time to time".

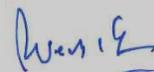
The above mentioned regulations was brought to the notice in 24th meeting of the Food Authority held on 21.09.2017 wherein it is agreed that following amount may be charged from the food importer and Food Authority shall specify and review the fee from time to time:

1. **Visual inspection :-** Online payment of Rs 2000 is also to be made by the importer along with the payment of lab testing fee.
2. **Penal fee :-** In case importer/ CHA do not turn up for visual inspection even after two opportunities, Authorised Officer of FSSAI may draw the sample ex-parte and a penalty of Rs 2000 shall be charged from importer before issuance of NOC/NCC. However, till the provisions of payment is made online in FICS, Authorised Officer may collect the fee offline
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However, for review application process, till the provisions are made online in FICS, process will be done offline.

The above orders shall come into force with immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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